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TAGS: OREP (SPARKMAN, JOHN)

SUBJECT: CODEL SPARKMAN

REF: A. STATE 044911 B. MOSCOW 2765

1. WE OF COURSE WILL PROVIDE ALL POSSIBLE ASSITANCE TO CODEL SPARKMAN. AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, WE DO NOT HAVE VERY CLEAR IDEA OF SOVIET PLANNING AND DO NOT KNOW WHAT ROLE, IF ANY, SOVIETS ENVISAGE FOR EMBASSY DURING VISIT. IT IS ALSO UNCLEAR TO US SPECIFIC NATURE OF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANCE CODEL WISHES EMBASSY TO PROVIDE, BEYOND OPERATION OF CONTROL ROOM MENTIONED IN REF A.

2. FEDOSEYEV OF MFA USA DIVISION TOLD BREMENT MARCH 5 THAT HE STILL HAD NO DEFINITE WORD FROM SUPREME SOVIET ON ARRANGEMENTS OR PROGRAM FOR CODEL BUT WOULD LET US KNOW. HE SAID THAT SEPARATE WIVES PROGRAM WITH SIGHTSEEING AND SHOPPING IS PLANNED. IMPLICATION OF HIS REMARK WAS THAT SOVIETS WOULD HANDLE INTERPRETING. ON FINANCING, HIS "PRELIMINARY RESPONSE" WAS THAT SUPREME SOVIET WOULD PAY ALL HOTEL AND TRANSPORTATION COSTS. FEDOSEYEV ALSO UNOFFICIALLY RAISED MATTER OF TASHKENT-SAMARKAND-TASHKENT TRAVEL, SAYING THAT HE FELT TRAVEL BY AIR WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO GROUND TRANSPORT, WHICH WOULD BE TEDIOUS AND "WASTE TIME."

3. WE PROPOSE, IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING, TO PROVIDE

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FOLLOWING ASSISANCE TO CODEL AND WOULD APPRECIAE

YOUR COMMENTS:

(A) OPERATION OF CONTROL ROOM. CONTROL ROOM WOULD BE OPEN FOR ACCOMODATION EXCHANGE AND SALE OF HOSPITALITY ITEMS ON CODEL'S ARRIVAL AND FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M. EACH DAY CODEL IS IN MOSCOW. WE ASSUME CODEL WILL NOT REQUIRE SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE ON A REGULAR BASIS, BUT EMBASSY WILLING TO PROVIDE ON "ON CALL" BASIS DURING VISIT.

(B) WIVES PROGRAM. SOVIETS ARE ORGANIZING SEPARATE PROGRAM FOR WIVES, WHICH WILL INCLUDE SHOPPING. FEDOSEYEV INDICATED THAT SOVIETS WILL GIVE THIS DUE IMPORTANCE. IN ANY CASE, WE DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO ASSIST 15 WIVES DURING VISIT. IF THERE AR SPECIAL REQUESTS FOR THE SERVICES OF SOME EMBASSY WIVES, WE WILL TRY TO FIND EMBASSY WIVES DESIROUS OF ASSISTING, BUT CODEL SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT NO EMBASSY WIFE WOULD BE QUALIFIED TO ACT AS INTERPRETER.

(C) INTERPRETERS. ALTHOUGH EMBASSY HAS NUMBER OF GOOD RUSSIAN-LANGUAGE OFFICERS, WE DO NOT HAVE QUALIFIED INTERPRETERS ON STAFF. SOVIETS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY PROVIDE INTERPRETERS, BUT CODEL MAY WISH TO HAVE ITS OWN. DEPARTMENT INTERPRETERS COULD ACCOMPANY CODEL, IF THIS SERVICE IS DESIRED.

(D) ESCORT OFFICERS. BREMENT, LEVITSKY AND AS MANY OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS AS DESIRED OR NEEDED WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT ALL TIMES TO BE OF SERVICE TO THIS IMPORTANT DELEGATION.

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